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#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1463. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1463. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1798. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule (RIN1121-AA24) received on April 24, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1799. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Young American Medals Program" (RIN1121-AA37) received on April 24, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1800. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Officer of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Residency Requirements for Persons Acquiring Firearms" (RIN1512-AB66) received on April 21, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Visas" received on April 28, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1802. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Visas" received on April 28, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1803. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act

for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1804. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Solid Waste Programs" (FRL5670-6) received on May 5, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1805. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sentencing guidelines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1806. A communication from the Acting Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to assess fees; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

Donald Rappaport, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

Hans M. Mark, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2002. (Reappointment)

Anthony R. Sarmiento, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring September 22, 1998.

Susan E. Trees, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Marsha Mason, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

Gerald N. Tirozzi, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 709. A bill to protect private property rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment to the Constitution by requiring Federal agencies to prepare private property taking impact analyses and by allowing expanded access to Federal courts; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BREAU:

S. 710. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit for producing fuel from a nonconventional source to taxpayers using biomass fuel sources in the generation of electricity through the use of a suspension burning process; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAU (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 711. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of

payment of taxes on distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 712. A bill to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 713. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for additional deferred effective dates for approval of applications under the new drugs provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 714. A bill to make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 715. A bill to redesignate the Dublin Federal Courthouse building located in Dublin, Georgia, as the J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 716. A bill to establish a Joint United States-Canada Commission on Cattle and Beef to identify, and recommend means of resolving, national, regional, and provincial trade-distorting differences between the countries with respect to the production, processing, and sale of cattle and beef, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. DODD, Mr. GREGG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. REED):

S. 717. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. Res. 85. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in their fight against the disease; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 709. A bill to protect private property rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment to the Constitution by requiring Federal agencies to prepare private property taking impact analyses and by allowing expanded access to Federal courts; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

THE PRIVATE PROPERTY FAIRNESS ACT OF 1997

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Private Property Fairness Act of 1997. This bill will